

## 3/5/2020 – March Meeting

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth
- Thank you letters: Manawa Food Pantry, Thrivent Team – Schuelke Benefit
- Secretary's Report - Read and Approved
- Treasurer's Report - Read and Approved
- **Old Business**
  - Jackets – Jake said jackets are ordered, some are in, others are backordered. If you would like to order a jacket, see Jake.
  - Steam Engines in Michigan – Andy said there isn't a rush to get them out. Would like to form a group to work on them this spring.
  - School Field Trip – May 15<sup>th</sup> – Will need volunteers - Manawa 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Food Stand – Need to get measurements and get to the county for permits
    - Jake Schiedermayer donated walk-in freezer
- **New Business**
  - Please pay your membership dues to Randy
  - Shuttles – Lend them out to Lunch on the Farm June 27<sup>th</sup> ?
    - Need to put our name on them
    - Insurance – Lunch on the farm has Insurance
    - Hoss made the motion to lend them out, Andy 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - Dan said the flags need replacing as well
  - Name Tags – See LuAnne if you need one
  - Scholarship forms for OUTSIDE of Manawa School District – See Gary
  - Meeting Minutes on the Website – Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to post on the website as UNAPPROVED.
  - Chainsaw contest? - Is there interest to bring back for Sunday? – Yes
    - Valerie brought up the Safety concerns would need to be addressed
    - Andy said maybe garden tractor pulls for Sunday event?
    - Mark Phillips would lead the contest, would need an assistant – Brian Z?
    - Get a sponsor for the contest?
    - Time would need to be pushed back
    - Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to bring Chainsaw contest back
  - Dave Sarna from the Snodeo presented the UTC with a \$1,500 check and thanked all the helpers
  - George S donated \$2,000 toward the steam engine project
  - Nick brought up the Schmidt Bessette Cancer Benefit – Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to donate \$200
  - Willie is having a tractor pull meeting March 28<sup>th</sup> at 1PM at his shop
  - Andy needs items for the feature barn – let him know if you have anything
  - Randy brought up that Jim has a band interested in being the Opener for Friday night
    - \$800 for two hours – Too steep, motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to offer \$500
  - John R – Do we have a plan if our wheat doesn't turn out? Plants oats? Dan Wentworth might have some as well – have to ask
  - New Members – Ethan Schiedermayer
  - Motion to Adjourn – 8:39PM

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**No April or May  
Meeting due to  
COVID-19**

**Secretary Jacob Elsner**

## 6/18/2020 – June Meeting

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth
- Secretary's Report from March 5<sup>th</sup> - Read and Approved
- Treasurer's Report – Read and Approved
- **Old Business**
  - George donated another \$3,000 toward the steam engine project in May
  - Scholarship recipients: Makayla Mashlan (Hortonville), Bailey Mares (Clintonville), Jacob Scheller and Chloe Lambrect (Manawa)
  - Chainsaw contest – Jake Schiedemayer will head up, Mark cannot anymore
  - Spring Pull
    - 365 hooks – record year
    - Needed more help
    - Online registration was huge success
    - 200 hooks registered by Friday night
    - Thanked Willie and Kelly for their hard work
- **New Business**
  - Project list – We are behind schedule and there is a lot to get done. The list will be posted in the Saloon by the door
  - 2020 Show?
    - Have a ballot out to get everyone's opinion. The board will be calling anyone who is not at the meeting to get their input as well.
    - Andy – Said if we don't have a show, we should have a worker's weekend to get some big projects done.
    - Gary Schoen – The Town of Union does not recommend having a show this year. He wants to keep our town "clean". Every other show and fair are cancelling.
    - Kent and Chris Fisher asked how one can prove they got the disease from our event?
    - John R – Help will be the biggest issue
    - Andy – Spring pull was a good test run and showed that many people wanted to get out and this year if we had a show could be record number of people. Help will be slim to come by.
    - Willie – We will certainly have to make adjustments.
    - Roger Krueger – What does our insurance look like – Normal increase in price. No other changes.
    - Kent called lola Car Show for their list of clubs to see if they would want to help. lola said they are eager to help and raise money for their clubs.
    - Valerie Schmude – Older crowd wouldn't come – We could lose our normal attendance increase of the younger crowd if we cancelled.
    - Andy asked about sponsors – letter was sent out saying we are not asking for sponsorships for trophies, there will just be normal payout for prizes. Some businesses still donated.
    - Mark – Other shows cancelled while restrictions were in place, now there aren't any restrictions. Lindsay Park is full of cars for sports, people want to get out, so we could have a lot of people, but we don't really want that because we will have very little help. We will have to change a few things.
    - Andy said we should still do shoutout to sponsors
    - Jake S – asked if we could still get sponsors for the chainsaw contest for prizes

- No New Members
- Motion to Adjourn – 8:27PM

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## 7/02/2020 – July Meeting

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth
- Secretary's Report - Read and Approved
- Treasurer's Report – Read and Approved
- Thank you letters from Chloe Lambrect and Makayla Mashlan
- **New Business**
  - There will be a 2020 show
    - 172 members contacted
    - 126 said yes have a show
    - 41 said no to the show
    - 5 were on the fence
  - Kent asked if we would have that many members working
    - Gary will send newsletter out to the members asking for help
  - The work list is posted, talk to a board member if you need materials for the project.
  - The sign-up sheets are on facebook and a copy is here, look at it and please sign-up!
  - The board divided the areas of the grounds between the 8 of us, so if you are in charge of something and you need anything, you contact the board member of that area to get what you need and have an open line of communication with.
  - Posters flyers are hers, please take some and get them out.
  - Kent asked about the feature shirt, Jim Carmody is working on it.
  - Buttons and plaques are ordered
  - Jolene said that she hopes that the 126 members that voted yes, sign-up to work
    - Nate and Brian said that there was a good response to calling all the member, so we could do that again.
  - We feel that 120 volunteers are needed to put the show on
  - Kent said that Joe Opperman with the lola car show didn't want to give up their list of groups, but the second in command asked how many we would need and he can help us.
  - Valerie Schmude said we can't just through a new person in a spot, we would need someone there to train them.
    - Kent agreed, we need leaders in each area
  - Andy said to highlight the areas we need the most help and focus on them.
  - Gary said we could announce over the PA is we need help somewhere
  - Willie said that people would like to help but an area is already covered, a contact person would be needed to send them elsewhere.
  - Barney asked who was in charge of the engine shed - Brain Zabel is
  - Kent asked if we should eliminate Riske Rd gate and send those members elsewhere.
    - There is too much foot traffic from the bars and W. River Rd.
    - Dan Casey brought up that Gary S said it might not be possible to close Riske Rd this year
    - There is a meeting and some members said they would go.
  - Gary asked if we should have a disclaimer people would have to sign, he talked to Hans about it.
    - Randy made the motion to have NO waiver, Jake S seconded
  - Kiddie Pull – we need someone to do that, Jerrod said he has some guys to do it.
    - Might have to adjust due to the amount of people in the shed
  - Andy asked about camping – we are having camping
    - He said that there will be bundles of firewood for sale - \$5 per bundle

- Willie – said that County Line Pullers would like to do a garden tractor pull Sunday
  - Willie will do pull, Jake S will do chainsaw contest and Andy will do parade – those three will work out the times.
- Shower trailer – Needs work and can we have them?
  - Randy will call the inspector and ask.
  - They would need to be cleaned and sanitized for sure.
- Margaret will help with camping this year
- Campground layout must stay the same. We spent money on the software to have it the way it is currently. It would cost more money each time something is changed.
- Jerrod thanked the members that voted yes to have a show.
- Mid-Lakes Rustic Iron is having a small show if anyone wants something to do.
- Lana Herris and Jamie Gunderson were voted in as new members
- Motion to Adjourn

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## 8/13/2020 – August Meeting

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth
- Secretary's Report - Read and Approved
- Treasurer's Report – Read and Approved
- Thank you letters from Clyde Schuelke family
- **Old Business**
  - Big thank you went out to everyone who stepped up and took on big tasks this year including Margaret, Gena, Heather, and Shelia.
  - Thank you also went out to all who volunteered this year to put on the shows!
- **New Business**
  - Write down any comments you have from the shows and give them to LuAnne
  - There are roughly 25 calendars left for sale
  - Steam Engine bearing needs to be replaced – There is one new in box for \$2,000
    - Randy Elsner made the motion to buy the bearing, Dan Casey seconded
  - We received \$200 from the Candy Store
  - Jason Koch benefit – donate money for the kids?
    - Bob Grunwald made the motion to buy a \$500 gift card to Walmart to help towards the kids' school supplies, Curt Samson seconded
  - Drive belts – Current belts are all frayed and could easily fall apart and hurt someone. "Sawmill belt is junk"
    - Randy Elsner made the motion to set a \$5,000 budget to buy new drive belts, Dan Casey seconded the motion and said to get pricing
  - Dan Casey gave the sawmill crew credit, they did a lot of upgrades to the mill and put in a lot of work
  - Willie Riske – State Championship Pull is October 3<sup>rd</sup> and will need help for it
  - Jolene Werth asked if we could look into purchasing two griddles for pancakes like the Fire Depts.
  - Heather Timm brought up that the Health Inspector didn't like that she had to have her nescos on high to get her food up to Temp and asked if we can purchase new nescos, would need about 12.
    - Bob Grunwald made the motion to purchase new nescos, Troy Schuelke seconded.
  - Dan Casey said they will need help sorting cans, Paul Timm found a place that will give us a decent price for aluminum
  - Diane Werth thanked the young kids that worked in the Sawmill, General Store and Blacksmith Shop.
  - Heather Timm said that the Appreciation party for the volunteers that worked during the show will be October 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - New Members – Mitchell Engalbart (Couldn't be present as he lives in Iowa) and Heidi Knuth. Motion and second made to accept them in as new members.
  - Motion to Adjourn at 8:31PM

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## 9/3/2020 – September Meeting

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth @ 8:06PM
- Secretary's Report - Read and Approved
- Treasurer's Report – Read and Approved
- Thank you letter from Nathan and Marvin Larson for having a 2020 show
- Two articles in the Marion Advertiser of the show
- **Old Business**
  - Calendars still for sale – See LuAnne
  - State Championship Pull – Heather has work list on Facebook, only need to do food and beverages.
  - Willie – Had three different clubs helping for our pull
    - There was a 14 year old boy that donated his winnings back to the club
- **New Business**
  - Central WI Antique Tractor Pullers Association donation
    - Buddy made the motion to donate \$100 to CWATPA, Hoss 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Next meeting are the elections: VP, Treasurer, and two directors
  - Gave thanks to Dan and his crew for sorting cans. Got .34 cents per pound - \$360
  - Gary mentioned that there was a comment stating someone isn't getting the newsletters. If you aren't getting them, please talk with either Jake, Gary, or LuAnne to get that remedied.
  - Andy – Steam Engine bearing, use Old Dominion trucking – He will set it up.
  - No new members
  - Motion to Adjourn 8:17PM

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## 10/1/2020 – October Meeting

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth
- Secretary's Report - Read and Approved
- Treasurer's Report – Read and Approved
- **Old Business**
  - Calendars still for sale – 19 left
  - State Championship Pull – Have enough help on the track, still need workers for food and beverage. No one is signed up for food yet. See Willie to sign up.
    - This is a good event to advertise for our club
- **New Business**
  - There will be a clean-up day October 24<sup>th</sup>, start at 9AM
    - Bring your rakes and leaf blowers if you can
  - Music budget – Jim Drozd has been doing the music for Friday and Saturday nights and is looking for a budget. Has been spending \$7,500-\$8,000 and is looking for \$8,500.
    - Dan Casey wondered if someone can work the gates from 5-8PM and charge to get more money, there is two gates that would need to be covered.
    - Kent Casey asked if he can get bands without a promoter – Jim says he has been going direct with the bands.
    - Jim brought up carry-ins and how people just bring in their own coolers.
    - Jim has a small crew helping him, most of the time it is just him.
    - Jim asked about the amount we can spend per year, Randy said it cannot exceed \$10,000 for tax purposes being a non-profit organization.
    - Dan Casey made the motion to give \$8,500 budget, police the gates for carry-ins, and charge from 5-8PM, Hoss seconded that motion.
  - FFA Bluegrass Bash donation
    - Hoss made the motion to donate \$100, Troy seconded.
  - Nathan made the motion to amend the \$500 motion from the March meeting to the original \$800 that the band “The Rejects” wanted for Friday night entertainment and reimburse Jim Drozd the \$300 he paid out of pocket to have them play at the show. Mark seconded.
- Elections called to Order by President Gary Knuth
  - Vice President
    - Willie nominated Mark Craig and Mark accepts
    - Randy made motion to close nominations by unanimous ballot, Hoss seconded
  - Treasurer
    - Mark Phillips nominated Randy Elsner and Randy accepts
    - Hoss made motion to close nominations by unanimous ballot, Mark seconded
  - Director #1
    - Bill Johnson nominated Dan Casey and Dan accepts
    - Jeff Schley nominated Mark Phillips and Mark accepts
    - Dan Casey won Director #1 by ballot vote
  - Director #3
    - Joe Gruentzel nominated Nathan Bathazor and Nathan accepts
    - Gena Pamperin nominated Jim Drozed and Jim declined
    - Randy made motion to close nominations by unanimous ballot, Hoss seconded
- New Member – George Markiewicz
- Motion to Adjourn 8:31PM

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## 11/5/2020 – November Meeting

- Meeting called to order by President Gary Knuth @ 8:11PM
- Secretary's Report
  - Paul had a question if we are only watching the gates for Friday night show or Saturday night too. Only Friday night gates will be manned from 5PM-8PM
  - Read and Approved
- Treasurer's Report – Read and Approved
- **Old Business**
  - Calendars still for sale – 11 left
  - FFA Bluegrass Bash was cancelled, no donation sent out.
- **New Business**
  - Our land is officially ours now. Paperwork is filed with the county.
  - Gary would like to have a "Mortgage Burning Party" in the Saloon November 14<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30PM. Food and drinks provided.
  - Cedar Springs Christmas Party cancelled. With not knowing what was going to happen, the current mandate for bars and restaurants, and input from Cedar Springs, the board thought it would be best to cancel.
  - We would like to host a food drive in place of the Christmas party in the Saloon, Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 2PM till whenever. We are the biggest contributor to the local food party during the holidays. Food and drinks will be provided.
  - Miracle on Bridge Street is still pending on if they will have it. They decide November 12<sup>th</sup>.
    - Mark said they are taking sponsors for candy
    - Parade will be a drive-through parade if someone would like to help put a float together.
  - Dan said on November 6<sup>th</sup>, him and Jim are picking up leaves if anyone can help. Bring rakes and shovels.
  - Dan also talked about Snodeo and if we should help again. He suggests not to commit due to no help. Merlin retired from heading up the parking.
    - Randy made the motion NOT to commit to the Snodeo, Dan seconded.
  - Dan asked if we would like to host the State Pull anymore.
    - Not many showed up to help and this is great way to advertise our club and make some money
    - Gary mentioned that we will need to call members more to see if they are willing to volunteer some of their time.
    - Randy mentioned that we should do nesco items instead of grill and fryers.
      - Hoss made motion to use nescos, no grills, no fryers, Paul seconded
    - Randy made the motion to try the state pull again for two years, Hoss seconded
  - Mark brought up the steam school for 2021. Nate and Willie would like to go.
- New Member – Amanda Rodgers
- Next Meeting March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- Motion to Adjourn 9:14 PM

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